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Gambia President Marries Sunyani Poly Girl

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THE Gambian President, Alhaji Sheikh Prof. Dr. Yahaya Abdul Aziz Jamus Junkung Jammeh, reportedly tied the knot with a 22-year-old charming Ghanaian lady in Kumasi last weekend.

Mrs. Nora Jammeh, formerly called Munira Yahaya, a graduate of Sunyani Polytechnic, was engaged to the Gambian president two weeks ago in The Gambia, which was followed by the secret wedding at the Golden Tulip Hotel in Kumasi last Sunday.

The Gambian president was not present at the function but was represented by H.E. Huseini Yaba, the Gambian Ambassador to Nigeria, who has oversight responsibilities in Ghana.

Three leading officials of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) administration, whose names are being withheld, reportedly played vital roles in the organization of the successful wedding



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ceremony.

The wedding was low key because the Gambian president did not want the media to make so much noise about him and his pretty-looking bride.

But the matter, which had been kept secret for almost 48 hours, finally found its way to the public domain on Tuesday morning, following investigations by Omanhene Yaw Adu Boakye, Morning Show Host of Kessben FM in Kumasi.

Having been briefed about the wedding ceremony by his sources, Omanhene posed as a former teacher of the new wife of the Gambian president.

The Kessben FM programmes manager, speaking on phone with Mrs. Jammeh, congratulated her on a successful wedding and later asked why she did not invite her former teachers including him to the wedding ceremony.

Mrs. Jammeh, who sounded excited, responded that she was kept indoors for two weeks where she was groomed for the big event, so she directed other people to invite dignitaries on her behalf, saying it was not her intention to exclude her former teachers in the big event.

The new wife of the Gambian president disclosed that the wedding ceremony went smoothly as planned, adding that she would be traveling to her new husband in Gambia by today Wednesday.

Nora Jammeh could not state whether her parents would be accompanying her to the Gambia, hinting that they might stay back in Ghana whilst she leaves to join her husband.

When Omanhene asked Munira whether she had personally met her husband President Yahaya Jammeh, she replied that they met in the Gambian about two weeks ago when they had their engagement ceremony.

On whether she would further her education now that she had got married to the Gambian president, Mrs. Jammeh said plans had been made in advance for her to continue her education in the USA soon.

Meanwhile, information making the rounds in Kumasi indicated that President Jammeh when he was serving as a soldier, offered help to the mother of his new wife, who was then a Ghanaian living in the Gambia.

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Nora Jammeh's mother was so touched by the benevolence of the Gambian leader that she promised to give her pretty daughter in Ghana in marriage to him when the little girl became ripe for marriage.

Nora's mother since then kept constant touch with President Jammeh and she finally kept her promise by offering her beautiful daughter to the Gambian leader in marriage this year.

The latest marriage was the fourth for the Gambian leader who recently executed nine people on death row in his country.

The Gambian leader first got married to Tuti Faal Jammeh, but his marital relationship with her ended prematurely.

After the departure of Tuti Faal, Jammeh married a Moroccan lady, Zeinab Suma, who is now the first lady, adding Alima Sallah, the daughter of the country's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

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